

# LEAVENWORTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### **Leavenworth County Health Department is reporting its first death from COVID19**

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, KAN. (April 3, 2020) – The Leavenworth County Health Department is reporting its first death of a resident from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The individual who died was a female in her 50s who was transported to a local hospital ER and had no history of travel. She did have underlying health conditions. The county currently has 29, positive cases of coronavirus, including this death.

“Losing a life in our community is never easy, and we share condolences with the family and respect their privacy during these difficult times,” said Jamie Miller, Leavenworth County Health Officer.

This is an unfortunate reminder of just how important it is for all of us to do our part under the Stay at Home order to help reduce the spread of this disease in our community. The Health Department strongly urges the public to continue to take appropriate precautions. Everyone needs to practice good hygiene, stay informed, practice social distancing, and limit in-person interactions. If you are experiencing symptoms such as cough, fever, or other respiratory problems, call your healthcare provider or an urgent care clinic first to determine if testing is needed. If symptoms are mild, do not go to the emergency room, as this resource needs to remain available for those with the most critical needs.

“If you haven’t been taking this pandemic seriously until now, you should. Do your part, stay home whenever possible, limit the exposure of your family and community,” said Miller

Please utilize the [JIC@leavenworthcounty.gov](mailto:JIC@leavenworthcounty.gov) to submit any questions. Stay up-to-date by following the Health Department Facebook account or Leavenworth County webpage [www.leavenworthcounty.gov/covid](http://www.leavenworthcounty.gov/covid). For more information on visit [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

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